

**1851 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET – PROJECT NARRATIVE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**



HISTORICAL PHOTO FROM 1920's (photo credit: Milwaukee Historical Preservation)



HISTORICAL PHOTO FROM 1982 (photo credit: Milwaukee Historical Preservation)



EXISTING HOME IN CURRENT STATE 2017 (photo credit: a. raabe)

### **PROJECT GOALS:**

- Restore the historical Italianate style home in a financially + historically responsible manner
- Create a safe and efficient space to dwell in that is updated and up to current codes + standards
- Create a forever home for a family that is invested in the Brewers Hill neighborhood

### **BUILDING HISTORY AND ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION:**

In 1890 this Italianate style Milwaukee home started its existence on north 2<sup>nd</sup> street in what is now known as the Brewers Hill Neighborhood. The original structure (main square structure) has had 2 additions added to it (estimated early 1900's) all are wood frame construction with cream city brick foundation walls.

Known owners of record were Paul + Marie Strehlow in the 1920's, Andrew Evans in the 1940's, B.B. Bell in the 1980's and in recent times after that had fallen into hands of people that tried to develop the property as a duplex and striped the house of much of its character and let the house fall into disrepair.

### **CURRENT BUILDING CONDITION:**

The focus is on the exterior of the home since the interior has been largely striped of all original characteristics. The City of Milwaukee has recently invested in the façade of the structure, front porch, roof, foundation wall, etc. to start the restoration process. Now the focus turns to the restoration of

original windows, front door, other architectural features to restore the homes character and charm. Some windows are beyond repair, missing completely or are not period appropriate so those will get approved window replacements with wood storms. The back door is completely missing and will be replaced with an appropriate door with storm. The front first floor windows will be restored, and the front door is to be restored as well. It appears that it is the original door to the home. As noted in the rest of the package many windows requested by Milwaukee Historical Society will be restored and wood storms will be added to the home.

All the MEP's will be starting from scratch on this home due to the condition of the interior. This will allow for it to be brought up to code and done efficiently. This will allow for safety and security to be established.

### **A FOREVER HOME:**

A proposed new journey to restoration... and building a family friendly forever home that is loved and cared for by the new owner. Restoring this 1890 structure that was once loved and taken care of to once again be a structure that the owner/occupants will love and take care of for many years to come. They are also already invested in the neighborhood through St Marcus Lutheran Church and School as their kids attend school there and this is their church home. This will bring all the important aspects for them closer and they will continue to bring life back to the Brewers Hill neighborhood and rejuvenate the corner of Reservoir and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street once again.